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Letter dated 1 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic for 30-31 October 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if these bulletins could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic (31 October 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours reconciliation agreements were signed with representatives of five villages in the Ladhiqiyah (3) and Hama (2) governorates.

The number of villages which have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 873.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in the village of Muaddamiyat al-Sham in Damascus governorate, and also in the Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to the adoption and fulfilment of the ceasefire conditions is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 58 reports of shelling in the Aleppo (29), Damascus (18), Ladhiqiyah (5), Dar'a (4) and Hama (2) governorates.

Armed groups, after announcing the cessation of hostilities, used improvised multiple launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms to fire on the Antari and Mashariqah (twice) neighbourhoods in the city of Aleppo; the villages of Jawbar, Bala al-Qadimah, Harasta, Duma and Bilaliyah, farms near the village of Qusayr (twice) and the area at elevation point 612 in Damascus governorate; and the villages of Iqqo and Kharab al-Shaykh in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In the villages of Basha and Ayn al-Qantarah in Ladhiqiyah governorate illegal armed groups used a drone fitted with an explosive device.

Armed units of terrorist groups using multiple launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars and small arms fired on the villages of Ansar (three times) and Bakrtayah, the "3000" (three times), Mashariqah, Ramusah (twice), Ansari, Arian and Dahiyat al-Assad neighbourhoods, the Assad military academy (eight times), the area of the former military school (twice), checkpoint No. 1 in the Mashariqah quarter and the Castello trade centre in Aleppo governorate.

In Damascus governorate, the following villages were shelled: Hawsh Nasri (twice), Harasta (twice), Irbin, Duma and Jawbar (four times).

In Der'a governorate, terrorists shelled the villages of Namir and Khirbat al-Ghazalah (twice). The fighters used a drone fitted with an explosive device in the village of Qunyah.

Armed groups shelled the villages of Muhradah and Mu'ardis in Hama governorate.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, the village of Ghuwaybarah was shelled.

The Russian aerospace forces and the Syrian air force did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which announced that they would cease hostilities and informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Civilians have received humanitarian aid in the village of Salhab in Hama governorate (1 tonne) and in the village of Suwayri in Homs governorate (4.5 tonnes).

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of the city of Aleppo which are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

On 30 October, irregular bands struck the Dahiyat al-Assad and al-Hamdaniyah districts of the city of Aleppo from the area of the "1070" neighbourhood with home-made shells containing a toxic substance.

Two Syrian servicemen were killed. At least 37 civilians were injured.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic (30 October 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, reconciliation agreements were signed with representatives of three villages in Hama governorate.

The number of villages which have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 868.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of illegal armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in the Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to the adoption and fulfilment of the ceasefire conditions is unchanged — it is still 69.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 55 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in the Aleppo (30), Damascus (19), Ladhiqiyah (4), Dar'a (1) and Hama (1) governorates.

Armed groups, after announcing the cessation of hostilities, used improvised multiple launch rocket systems, mortars and small arms to fire on the village of Aziziyah in Aleppo governorate, the Antari neighbourhood in the city of Aleppo, the villages of Jawbar, Kafr Batna, Bala al-Qadimah, Harasta, Duma, Bilaliyah and Qusayr and the area at elevation point 612 in Damascus governorate, and the villages of Iqqo, Ayn al-Qantarah and Duwayr al-Akrad and government troop positions near the Abu Ali mountain range in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Armed units of terrorist groups using improvised multiple launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, grenade launchers and small arms fired on the villages of Ansar, Khadir and Hananu Shimaliyah in Aleppo governorate and also the Ramusah, "3000", Khalidiyah, al-Mashariqah, Shaykh Maqsud, Ansari, Maydan, "1070", Ashrafiyah, Sulayman al-Halabi and Dahiyat al-Assad neighbourhoods, the Assad military academy, checkpoint No. 1 in the Mashariqah quarter and the area of the former military school in the city of Aleppo.

In Damascus governorate the villages of Duma, Hawsh Nasri and Irbin, a sports ground in the village of Jawbar, a medical school in the village of Harasta and the Ibn al-Walid hospital were shelled.

In Dar'a governorate terrorists shelled the village of Jabha.

In Hama governorate the village of Muhradah was shelled.

The Russian aerospace forces and the Syrian air force did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which announced that they would cease hostilities and informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Humanitarian aid has been provided in the village of Ayn al-Jawzah in Ladhiqiyah governorate (3 tonnes), in the Shaykh Taha districts (2 tonnes) and from the Russian consulate for the Russian-speaking community (5 tonnes) in the city of Aleppo.

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of the city of Aleppo which are under the control of illegal armed groups.